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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal	Application Number	09/676,598	RECEIVED
	Filing Date	SEPTEMBER 29, 2000	CENTRAL FAX CENTER
	First Named Inventor	OPEROWSKY, et al.	OCT 14 2005
	Art Unit	2638	
	Examiner Name	TWEEL JR., JOHN ALEXANDER	
	Attorney Docket Number	BOC9-2000-0006 (664)	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
b. Other _____

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i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
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iii. Other _____

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Signature	<i>Richard A. Hinson</i>	Date	OCTOBER 14, 2005

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2005

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 3,140.00)

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 Check Credit card Money Order Other None
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1062 60	2062 26	2062 26	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 880	2253 490	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170	2401 170	Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150	2403 150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,370	2453 685	2453 685	Petition to revive - unintentional	1500.00
1501 1,370	2501 685	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 490	2502 245	2502 245	Design issue fee	
1503 660	2503 330	2503 330	Plant issue fee	
1480 130	1480 130	1480 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 780	2809 395	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1910 700	2910 395	2910 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 780	2801 395	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	790.00
1802 800	1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Fee from below

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee Paid
	-20" = 13	x .50 = 6.50
Independent Claims	- 3" = 1	x 200 = 200
Multiple Dependent		

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 160	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 850)

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 2,280.00)

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